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SUBJECT: U.S. ENVOY'S SLAYING

1. NEPALI PRESS GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO WIRE SERVICE REPORTS ON SLAYING OF ENVOY DUBS IN KABUL. "THE RISING NEPAL" (ENGLISH) AND "GORKHAPATRA" (VERNACULAR), BOTH SEMI-OFFICIAL AND LARGEST CIRCULATING DAILIES, CONDEMNED THE 'BRUTAL ACT OF VIOLENCE' IN FEB. 16 EDITORIALS AND CALLED FOR 'GLOBAL ACTION' TO COMBAT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

2. "THE RISING NEPAL" -- "FEW CAN DISAGREE WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE MR. CYRUS VANCE'S DESCRIPTION OF THE KIDNAPPING AND SUBSEQUENT SLAYING OF THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN KABUL ON WEDNESDAY AS A BRUTAL ACT OF VIOLENCE...SINCE IT APPEARS THAT THE ACTION BY THE AFGHAN POLICE TOOK PLACE IN SPITE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S REQUEST NOT TO DO ANYTHING OF THE SORT, IT SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISING IF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, WHICH HAD IN ANY CASE COOLED CONSIDERABLY WITH THE CHANGE IN THE AFGHAN REGIME LAST APRIL, WERE TO BE FURTHER STRAINED."

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2. "...IT CLEARLY SUGGESTS AN URGENCY FOR TAKING

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NECESSARY GLOBAL ACTION IF DIPLOMACY OR THE CIVILISED CONDUCT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN NATIONS IS TO HAVE ANY MEANING...IT IS NOTABLE THAT THIS SHOULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE ON A DAY WHEN THEIR EMBASSY IN NEIGHBOURING IRAN WAS RAIDED AND OCCUPIED BY A GROUP OF 'PEOPLE'S FEDAYEEN' COMMANDOES, ALBIET FOR A FEW HOURS. THE U.S. RESPONSE TO THESE DEVELOPMENTS WILL, IN ANY CASE, BE WORTH EXAMINING."

4. "GORKHAPATRA" - "...IT IS SAD THAT TO ACHIEVE THEIR POLITICAL GOALS TERRORISTS, EVEN, DID NOT SPARE THE MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS...AND ALL MANKIND MUST CONDEMN THIS ACT OF VIOLENCE."

5. "...CONSTANT SKY-JACKING OF INNOCENT PASSENGERS AND HARASSMENT OF DIPLOMATS AND THEIR BEING HAULED AS HOSTAGES HAS REALLY HURT THE ENTIRE HUMAN COMMUNITY... TO BREAK THIS TREND ALL NATIONS MUST TAKE A UNITED STEP TO COUNTERACT TERRORISM...THE SLAYING OF AMERICAN ENVOY IN KABUL MAKES IT ALL THE MORE NECESSARY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO DEAL WITH TERRORISM."  
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